

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF JASPER
JULY 28, 2009**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Jasper, Indiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, July 28, 2009, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street.

CALL TO ORDER

Presiding Officer Mayor William J. Schmitt called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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| Mayor William J. Schmitt | Present |
| Board member Thomas R. Schmidt | Present |
| Board member Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter | Present |

Also present were Police Chief Douglas Tarvin, Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle, City Engineer Chad Hurm, Building Commissioner David Seger, Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang, Personnel/Safety Director Charles Schneider, and Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm. City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein was absent.

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the board members must be present. All three board members were present; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Schmitt invited all those present to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The board members examined the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 14, 2009. A **motion** was made by Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to approve the minutes as published. Motion carried 3-0.

STRASSENFEST PARADE STREET CLOSINGS

Audrey Fischer, Strassenfest Parade Chairman, asked permission to close the following streets for the Strassenfest parade route. The route is the same as last year and the streets closings are as follows:

11:30 a.m. Mill Street from 15th to 16th Streets, one way north only

15th Street from Kellerville Road to Main Street; one way westbound for parade traffic and 15th Street residents

Royal Street from E 15th Street to Kellerville Road

Jackson Street from 15th to 17th Streets; one way southbound for parade traffic only

12:30 p.m. 15th Street from US 231 to Main Street, closed to eastbound traffic

All cross street intersections closed except 9th Street and 13th Street

12:50 p.m. Main Street and Jackson Street closed from 6th Street to 15th Street

9th Street and 13th Street closed at Jackson Street and Main Street

Note: Parade traffic only line up on South side of 15th Street

Parade entries can travel East on 15th Street on the North side of the street AFTER completing the parade

Use of Kellerville Road for entries to gain access to 15th Street

Violation of these rules or any safety issue will result in the police department removing violating entries from the parade route

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter to approve the request of the Optimist Club for the parade route as submitted this morning. Motion carried 3-0.

ANDERSON WOODS – TASTERS FEST

Mallon Habig, representing Anderson Woods, asked permission to use the River Walk Plaza and Barn area on Saturday, September 11, 2010 for the Tasters Fest.

A **motion** was made by Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter to approve the request of Anderson Woods to use the Barn and River Walk Plaza area on September 11, 2010. Motion carried 3-0.

YOUNG LIFE RUN/WALK

Debbie Hopf, representing Young Life, said at the July 14, 2009 meeting, she received permission to hold a 5K Run/Walk on September 19, 2009 but was to return to the Board with more details about the route. Hopf said the route will begin on the north side of the Jasper High School building located along St. Charles Street, travel north on St. Charles Street to 36th Street, then return back along St. Charles Street to Jasper High School.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to approve the route for Young Life to use for a 5K Run/Walk on September 19, 2009. Motion carried 3-0.

OLD MIDDLE SCHOOL DEBRIS REMOVAL ROUTE CHANGE

Greater Jasper Consolidated School Assistant Superintendent Mike Hile, representing the school and HCL Contractors, asked permission to change the route for removing the debris at the former Middle School site because the trucks are having difficulty making the turn from 7th Street onto St. John Street. The original route that was approved on June 9, 2009 was for the trucks to travel from US 231 to Seymour Street, west on 7th Street, south on St. John Street to US 231. Hile said they are requesting the trucks come up Seymour Street, then west on 7th Street until they can back into the site, and then when the truck is full of debris, drive out onto 7th Street, travel east on 7th Street until Seymour Street, and Seymour Street to US 231. Hile said this route would save time, is easier for the trucks because they can be loaded on the property instead of on the Street. Hile said it will take approximately 2 ½ to 3 weeks to get all debris off that area.

Mayor Schmitt said before the contractor leaves he should get with the street commissioner and a school representative and do a survey of the area in the event HCL is responsible for any damages.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to approve the request of Mike Hile and HCL to load and come out onto 7th Street 200 feet west of Seymour Street, travel 7th Street, then Seymour Street to US 231. Motion carried 3-0.

Mike Hile said HCL asked if they could haul out Thursday & Friday of this week because of the Strassenfest. Hile said he told them Thursday was okay but that they would have to stop by 3:00 p.m. on Friday. Mayor Schmitt said HCL could not work later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday.

EXTEND WATER TANK LEASE AGREEMENT

Mayor Schmitt said he received a letter from PSC requesting permission from the City of Jasper to extend the Water Tank Lease Agreement on a month-to-month basis. The agreement is set to expire on July 31, 2009 and they are asking for an Agreement extension through September 30, 2009.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter to continue the agreement until September 30, 2009. Motion carried 3-0.

FRIENDS OF CABBY O'NEIL GYM

Mayor Schmitt stated the City had a request from the Friends of Cabby O'Neil Gym to use space behind the street department so they can put old bricks from the former middle school and then clean them up so they can be used later on at the gym. After they are cleaned, they would be stacked until they would be removed and stored at E & K Electric.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to allow Friends of Cabby O'Neil Gym to use the property behind the street department provided each person working signs a waiver. Motion carried 3-0.

GUESTS FROM GERMANY

Mayor Schmitt stated guests from Germany will arrive in Jasper on July 29, 2009 between 7:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. and will be greeted by their host families at the Train Depot. Mayor Schmitt further stated he would be on the bus coming from Cincinnati and would notify the fire and police departments when they are getting closer so they can escort the bus into town. The guests will depart from St. Joseph's Church north parking lot on August 7, 2009.

STREET DEPARTMENT – TELEHANDLER QUOTES

Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle stated that at the last meeting quotes for a telehandler were taken under advisement. He said he reviewed the quotes and recommended accepting the low quote from Hopf Equipment for \$39,557.00.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter to approve the low quote from Hopf Equipment for \$39,557.00. Motion carried 3-0.

ST. CHARLES STREET WALKING PATH BOLLARDS

Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle said at the last meeting there was some discussion about making the bollards located on the walking path along St. Charles Street in front of the high school more visible. Eckerle said he contacted the sign company where the street department buys its material. He showed the Board a sample of the diamond grade material that he ordered. The material, which is 4 inches wide and 60 inches long, will be attached to bollards and is visible both day and night.

Paving. Street Commissioner Eckerle reported that the paving on 5th Street was completed yesterday. He also said an alternative method of paving was done as a sample on one lane of Church Avenue and he invited Board members to check it out.

Street Clean-up. Eckerle reported that ten people from community service are working this morning to help clean up some area streets.

PULVERIZER BUCKET QUOTES

Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle asked permission to seek quotes for a pulverizer bucket for the telehandler. Eckerle explained how the equipment works and its possible uses.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Ambrose ‘Butch’ Schitter to approve the request of the street commissioner to seek quotes and learn more about the process. Motion carried 3-0.

STREET DEPARTMENT – SEMI TRACTOR QUOTES

Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle said he would like to replace the old green semi tractor originally purchased from Federal Surplus. He asked permission to seek quotes for a used semi tractor.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Ambrose ‘Butch’ Schitter to investigate into finding a semi cab for the street department and report back with the findings. Motion carried 3-0.

MILL PROJECT CHANGE ORDER

City Engineer Chad Hurm presented Change Order No. 0821 for the Mill project, INDOT Contract No.R-28096-B. He said an additional \$250.00 is needed to delete the interior hose bib at the northeast corner of the building and add a new frost-proof hydrant near the center of the building on the north wall, near the auto-fill station for the water wheel sump.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Ambrose ‘Butch’ Schitter to approve Change Order No. 0821 for an add of \$250.00. Motion carried 3-0.

FIRE STATION #2 CONCRETE PARKING LOT BIDS

City Engineer Chad Hurm asked permission for the Fire Department to seek bids to replace the concrete parking lot around Fire Station #2. He showed a photo of the area and said the fire chief has the demolition worked out. Fire Chief

Kenny Hochgesang said the bids will be for forming up and pouring the concrete. City resources will be used for the demolition.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to approve the request of the city engineer to get bids on replacement of the parking lot at the fire station on Brames Road. Motion carried 3-0.

SIDEWALK ALONG 6TH STREET

Mayor Schmitt said a gentleman came in to inquire about putting in a section of sidewalk along 6th Street/HWY 231. There is a sidewalk along 6th Street that stops at the end of the former Gramelspacher property, then when traveling west, there is no sidewalk, only grass, in front of Family Video and then there is sidewalk on the CVS property. Mayor Schmitt asked if this would be a State project and can we approach INDOT. City Engineer Chad Hurm said he will follow up on this matter.

FIREFIGHTER RESIGNATION

Mayor Schmitt read a letter of resignation submitted by Volunteer Firefighter Jerry May, effective July 22, 2009. May served on the fire department for four years.

Mayor Schmitt stated that May was a good firefighter and had a lot of promise and will be missed.

A **motion** was sadly made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter to accept the letter of resignation effective July 22, 2009. Motion carried 3-0.

Info. Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang reported that Truck #5 is being used this week but Ruxer Ford wants it back. He reported on the truck's issues and what Ford has discovered. It will be used in the Strassenfest Parade.

HIGH WEED COMPLAINTS

Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang reported to the board the names of property owners and the location that has been cited under 5.12.040 weed removal/notice. The names and locations are as follows:

| Owner | Location |
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| Dennis & Dorothy Hautsch | PT NW SE 34-1-5 1.58A |
| Carolyn Burger Fam Trust | PT NW SE 34-1-5 3.80A |
| Anita L. Fischer | 301 Main Street Jasper Original S ½ Lot 29 |

POLICE REPORTS

Police Chief Douglas Tarvin presented to the Board for its review the following reports for the Jasper Police department:

Vehicle Fuel & Maintenance Report for May, 2009
Monthly Activity Report for June, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 3-0 and the meeting adjourned at 9:06 a.m.

The minutes were hereby approved _____ with X without corrections of clarification this 11th day of August, 2009.

Mayor William J. Schmitt
Presiding Officer

Attest:

Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer

Margaret A. Kress, Recording Secretary